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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 39, Cornhill. GORDON & GÖTTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars. Reserve Fund, 2,100,000 Dollars.

Court of Directors.

Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. Deputy Chairman—W.M. REINERS, Esq. H. HOPFUS, Esq. Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, Esq. A. P. MOEWEN, Esq. F. D. SASOON, Esq.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by MESSRS KYNOCH & Co., of Witton, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, August 13, 1881.

NOTICE.

M. R. CLEMENT PALMER is authorized to sign the Name of our Firm.

WILSON & BIRD, Architects, &c.

Hongkong, May 20, 1882.

NOTICE.

M. R. SOTHEBY GODFREY, BIRD is authorized to sign the Name of our Firm; and Mr. CHARLES GARDNER BUNKER to sign for us per Procuration.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Hongkong, May 20, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm ceased on the 30th April, 1882.

REISS & Co. Hongkong, 1st May, 1882.

ACTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 3rd of June, 1882, at 2 p.m., at the PREMISES of the former Pier & Godown Company, Limited, Wan Chai, Praya.— (Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract).

THE PLANT

of the former HONGKONG PIER & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, consisting of:—

50 OPEN GOODS TRUCKS, 2 TURN-TABLES, 12 feet diameter, adapted for 3' 6" gauge.

1 10-ton WEIGH BRIDGE WHEEL SPAN, of 10 feet and 3' 6" gauge.

3 TRAVELLING 2 Tons STEAM-CRANES.

About 3000 Feet of RAILS.

All the above is on the WAN CHAI PIER, the Godown of MESSRS MEYER & CO.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

For Particulars, apply to

F. RAPP, Auctioneer. Hongkong, May 20, 1882.

NOTICE.

(INCORPORATED 7th of March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP—£2,200,000. RESERVE FUND—£200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOTHOW, MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK of LONDON.

MESSES C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credit on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD, Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL—£1,500,000.

LONDON BANKERS:

BANK OF ENGLAND.

UNION BANK of LONDON.

BANK of SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES of INTEREST ALLOWED on DRAFTS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

6 " " 2 1/2 "

12 " " 5 %

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George the First.

A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £1,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) ... £120,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE ... £120,000.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND ... £100,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACT. CUMULATIONS, Oct. 1, 1881 ... £130,553.95

April, 1882 ... £130,553.95

Directors: H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

J. H. PINCKNOVSKY, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

W. M. MEYERINK, Esq.

A. J. M. INVERARAY, Esq.

G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:

Messrs BARING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1882.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

BRITISH BARK "COREA" FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

ARNOLD KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1882.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.L. American Bark

"Xenia,"

Master, will load here

and sail for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 22, 1882.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 ft. 1 British Ship

"Brambly,"

Master, will load here

and sail for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 18, 1882.

Mails.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG,

COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI,

ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH,

ALBO, ROMA, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK,

AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

"ANCONA," Captain STANLEY,

will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 2nd Prox.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 25, 1882.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 ft. 1 British Ship

"Triumph,"

Captain G. L. CASTLE,

for the above Port POSTPONED until

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 5889.—JUNE 2, 1882.]

For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),
ARE NOW LANDING, EX
BRITISH BARQUE
"STILLWATER."

DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL
BRILLIANT
KEROSINE OIL,
150° test.

SPARTAN COOKING
STOVES.

FAIRBANKS SCALES.
OAKUM.
TAR.
TURPENTINE.

EX "AMERICAN MAIL"
CALIFORNIA
RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
bins, and loose.
Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.

Fancy-Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
Ginger CAKES.
Soda BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
HOMINY.
CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
Boneless CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGES and Sausage MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Poited MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES, including:

TEYSONHOU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

PICTIC TONGUES.

COCONUTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIERIO & EPP'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

PATE DE FOIE-GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES

HEDDIECK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE SEAL.

NEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARCAUX.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LARITE.

LES GRAVES,

BREAKFAST CLARET,

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACCOONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCOONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3-pint HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUBOUCHÉ & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

GURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

draught ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARES.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN'S SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

MILNER'S PATENT FIREPROOF SAFES, and CASE BOXES, at Manufacturer's Price.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

Entertainment.

POSSITIVELY THE LAST TWO DAYS!

G. OHTARINI'S
ROYAL ITALIAN
CIRCUS
AND
PERFORMING ANIMALS!

THIS EVENING, at 9 p.m.

GRAND AND POMPOUS NIGHT!

STILL MORE SENSATIONS!

BRILLIANT AND SELECTED PROGRAMME!

THE ENGLISH AMAZON,
MISS NELLIE REID,
will introduce

THE BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN HORSE
"GARIBOLDI,"
under

MAGNIFICENT MANAGEMENT.
KENTUCKIAN LEAPING HORSE
"MONTE CRISTO,"

leaping over
PALISADES AND HIGH HURDLES
at surprising speed and in continuous JUMPS.

SPLENDID DISPLAY OF VARIOUS AND

DIFFICULT PERFORMANCES,
BY A COMPLETE CONGRESS OF FIRST-CLASS ARTISTS of both Sexes and Different Nationalities.

FORMIDABLE AND FEROIOUS ANIMALS
PERFORMING IN THE ARENA.

COMIC FARCES AND EXTRAVAGANT VAGARIES.

Humorous and Laughable Pictures.

REMEMBER THESE ARE THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THIS EXCELLENT EXHIBITION.

I. MAYA,
Hongkong, June 2, 1882.

THEATRE ROYAL.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF BANDMANN COMBINATION

NUMBERING 12 ARTISTS.

For Positively TWO NIGHTS Only!

TUESDAY, June 6th;
"HAMLET."

WEDNESDAY, June 7th,
"MERCHANT OF VENICE."

Dependent on arrival of English Mail from SHANGAI.

Tickets and Plan at KELLY & WALSH's.

Prices, Dress Circle, 83; Stalls, \$2; Pit, \$1.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

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Intimations.

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per copy (postage paid 52 cents) \$12 per annum (postage paid \$12.50).

Orders should be sent to GEO. MURRAY BAIN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than noon of the day the English Mail Steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

Tenth Volume of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 5.—Vol. X.

—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

A Journey in North & South China.

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Castor Syllabary.

On the Chinese Calendar.

Sai-Lang's Visit to His Mother.

Notices of New Books and Literary Institutions.

Notes and Queries—

In Memoriam.

Dragon or Crocodile.

Porecaire Coins.

Spelling and Pronunciation.

The Chinese Exposition of the Four Tozes.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 60, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, Agent.

Hongkong, May 12, 1882.

Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000 Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000 Annual Income £25,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 16, 1882.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]
(Per E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

EGYPT.

LONDON, June 1.

France has proposed a Conference at Stamboul on the basis of the *status quo* in Egypt. The British Government has accepted.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking* may be looked for here about the 14th June.

ORDER OF SERVICE AT THE UNION CHURCH—

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH.

Hyatt, 333, Tunc, page 152; Psalm, 36, Tunc, page 41; Hymn 519, Tunc, page 226; Hymn 320, Tunc, page 146.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 5.30 p.m. this evening.

TELEGRAMS FOR Bangkok can go forward by mail closing at Singapore at 11 a.m. Sunday, the 4th instant.

THE NEW Taotai of Shanghai arrived this afternoon (27th) in the C.M.S.N. Co.'s S. S. *Hastig*. There was a great turnout of Chinese officials, and a guard of honour of "the Taotai's picked troops" to receive him at the wharf.—Mercury.CHIN AWAN and Chan Afu, the two Chinamen who were charged before H. G. Thompson at the Police Court, on suspicion of stealing a \$100 note from the steam tug *Fame* on the 19th ultimo, were this morning discharged there being no incriminating evidence produced against them.

The Circus was again well patronised last evening, and all seemed delighted with the entertainment. The programme, which was much the same as on the previous evening, was gone through as cleverly as usual, the performance of Edwin and Eugene Faust eliciting a chorus of "ayahs" from the Chinese. The Circus opens at the usual hour this evening.

The first consignment of wire for the new telegraph line, which is to be erected between Kaulung and Canton, arrived per the *Glenartney*, and notice of the despatch of the other portions was expected to be received by the mail which arrived to-day. The route over which the line is to travel, (140 miles) and which embraces in its circuit several of the villages between Kaulung and Canton, has been thoroughly surveyed by Mr Holst, and operations are intended to begin at Canton within one month from now. It is expected that the erection of the wire will be completed in six weeks' time from the commencement of the work if the weather is favourable.

An inquest was held in the Gaol this afternoon before the Coroner, H. E. Wedderburn, Esq., and the following gentlemen as jurors: Messrs A. Jorge, R. Becker, and J. H. Baker, on the body of Li Chu Kwong, who died in the Gaol Hospital this morning. The deceased was admitted to the prison yesterday morning on remand, on a charge of being at large without light or pass on the night of the 31st ultimo. As he seemed very weak and illidic in appearance he was sent to the Prison Hospital, where he remained until his death, which took place about one o'clock this morning. Dr. Ayres had made a post mortem examination of the body and found the main cause of death had been a clot on the heart which obstructed the circulation. Dr. Hartigan, who had examined the body in conjunction with Dr. Ayres, was of the opinion that death resulted in the way which Dr. Ayres had described. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

We have on various occasions referred to the jinrikisha traffic in the Colony, and lately have commented on the wonderful improvement visible in the appearance of the vehicles since the appointment of Mr. Wassenius as inspector of the two-wheelers. Much has been done in the way of reform, but we think much more can still be accomplished in the same direction. We have previously suggested the advisability of a scale of charges being drawn out for the jinrikishas different from that applicable to chairs, (under which the jinrikisha cooler at present works); and seeing that the present license expire in September, ample time is afforded the Registrar General's Department to tabulate a scale which will be alike fair to the cooler and the passenger. We would suggest that the charge for any time within a quarter of an hour should be limited to five cents. Of course the Chinese, even at present, get conveyed fabulous ducances for five cents, but the unfortunate European traveller has to be flogged to make up the loss. Recently the number of jinrikishas in Hongkong has increased tremendously, and this shows that the traffic is a paying one. It would only be fair, considering the amount of damage done to the roads by jinrikishas, and the expense which Government incurs in their repair, that the manufacturers should contribute a little more than they do to the Government revenue. The present license of \$2 per annum is ridiculous. In Shanghai the license is \$1 per month, and not content with this the municipality there intend to fine out the jinrikisha licensing, and expect thereby to add considerably to the corporation funds.

Were the price of the cooler unchanged, there can be no doubt but that it would have the effect of weeding out the half and the lame from the coolies, and the rickety vehicles gone amongst the jinrikishas, with the result that a superior class of men and carriers

ages would be at the service of the public. Much of the damage done to the roads is caused by the practice of two or more people riding in one jinrikisha, as the extra weight sends the narrow tire of the wheel deep into the soft roads. This should be prohibited. The jinrikisha is a handy means of travelling, but is very apt to become a nuisance, and is rapidly becoming such in Hongkong. If the Registrar General can do anything towards remedying matters, he will earn the thanks of the community. The practice in Shanghai, of selling a score of five-cent jinrikisha tickets for a dollar at the Club and other public places might be introduced with advantage, so soon as the scale of fares has been revised, as it is a great convenience to the public.

HEDDE & CO.'S WEEKLY SHIPPING REPORT, Anchorage, 20th May.—

Arrivals During the Week.—May 13, Africa, from Hongkong; 18, Kang Chi, from Shanghai; 17, Nancow, from Hongkong; 19, Appin, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—May 13, Catherine Mardon, for Tientsin; 18, Africa; Chefoo; 19, Kang Chi, for Shanghai; 19, Nancow, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Gloucester, Sea Swallow, Gustav & Marie, Appin.

HEDDE & CO.'S WEEKLY SHIPPING REPORT, Anchorage, 27th May.—

Arrivals During the Week.—May 20, Douglas, from Hongkong; 20, Fei Foo, from Amoy; 21, Hedwig, from Amoy; 22, Fei Foo, from Sharp Peak; 24, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 25, Kang Chi, from Shanghai; 26, Killarney, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—May 22, Fei Foo, for Sharp Peak; 23, Douglas, for Hongkong; 23, Appin, for Shanghai; 24, Sea Swallow, for Tientsin; 26, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Gloucester, Gustav & Marie, Appin; Fei Foo, Kang Chi, Killarney.

THE Concert given last evening at the City Hall Theatre by a number of amateurs, aided by the hand of the Buffs, proved, on the whole, a successful event. His Excellency the Administrator and party were present. The charitable object of the occasion being the aid of a deceased ex-member of the military service, Lieut.-Colonel Parnell, C.B., and a good number of the Officers of the Garrison were also present.

There was a great turnout of Chinese officials, and a guard of honour of "the Taotai's picked troops" to receive him at the wharf.—Mercury.

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